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3.   (Amended) The flooring strip according to claim 1, wherein another face of the first
layer is coated with at least one coat of acrylic urethane.

4.   (Amended) The flooring strip according to claim 1, further including at least one
tongue configured to mate with at least one groove of another flooring strip.

5.   (Amended) The flooring strip according to claim 1, further including at least one
groove configured to receive at least one tongue of another flooring strip.

6.   (Amended) The flooring strip according to claim 1, further including at least one coat
of acrylic urethane disposed on multiple surfaces thereof.

7.   (Amended) The flooring strip according to claim 1, having at least one application of
aluminum oxide disposed thereon.

8.   (Twice Amended) For use in forming a floor assembly comprising a plurality of
flooring strips, a flooring strip comprising:
        a first layer comprising a first plurality of bamboo elongate members secured together
in side-by-side relation, wherein each elongate member of the first plurality has a grain
extending generally parallel to a longitudinal dimension of the flooring strip; and
        a second layer secured to one face of the first layer, wherein the second layer includes
a second plurality of spaced members each having a grain extending generally transverse to
the longitudinal dimension of the flooring strip.

9.   (Amended) The flooring strip of claim 8, wherein each of the second plurality
of members is made of one of bamboo and wood.

10.   (Amended) The flooring strip of claim 9, wherein the grain of each member of
the second plurality is disposed substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal dimension of
the flooring strip.

11.   (Amended) The flooring strip of claim 10, further including a coat of acrylic
urethane disposed on another face of the first layer.

12.   (Amended) The flooring strip of claim 11, further including a tongue disposed
at a first side of the flooring strip and a groove disposed at a second side of the flooring strip.

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